

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SECTION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Program Description

The Statewide Domestic Violence Assistance Program (DVAP) is designed to (1) provide local assistance to existing service providers to maintain and/or expand services for victims of domestic violence (DV) and their children, based on need as demonstrated by prior service statistics, local crime statistics, current population and population projections, economic factors, geographic and cultural factors; and (2) provide local assistance for the development and establishment of DV services to currently unserved and underserved populations, including, but not limited to, rural areas, non-English speaking groups, minorities, or geographical areas without services.

Eligibility

Currently 85 funded domestic violence projects are eligible to apply for continuation of funding through a Request for Application process on an annual basis.

Authorized By

Federal Victims of Crime Act, Federal Violence Against Women Act, State General Fund and the California State Legislature

Fund Source and Amount

State General Fund- -\$2,730,000
Victims of Crime Act- -\$8,244,968
Violence Against Women Act- -\$441,575
Family Violence and Prevention Services Act- -\$4,867,031

Exact funding amounts for FY 2008/09 are still pending.

Grant Period

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Next Competitive/Non Competitive Application Due Date

Non Competitive - Spring of 2009

Additional Program Information

Legislation states that projects must provide a specified curriculum of at least 40-hours of domestic violence training that is supervised by an individual who qualifies as a counselor or is a psychotherapist.

Also each project shall provide the following 13 mandated services:

Twenty-four hour crisis hotlines; counseling; business centers; emergency "safe" homes or shelters for victims and families; emergency food and/or clothing; emergency response to calls from law enforcement; twenty-four hour response to victims in hospital emergency rooms, medical clinics and/or medical offices; emergency transportation to shelter/other safe locations; counseling for children of victims; court and social service advocacy for victims; legal assistance for victims with temporary restraining orders and other protective and/or custody orders; establish, maintain and participate in the local community service network to ensure appropriate response to victims' needs; and household establishment assistance to victims.

How Do I Get More Information?

This program is administered by the Domestic Violence Section of the Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence & Victim Witness Branch of the Law Enforcement and Victim Services Division of OES at (916) 327-3672.